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SUBJ: RETURN TO US OF AMB MBAYA

1. HAD A LONG AND CORDIAL CONVERSATION JAN 20 WITH AMB MBAYA BUT LEARNED NOTHING NEW RE BANDA VISIT TO ZAMBIA OR ANY SPECIAL REASON WHY MBAYA WAS AS HE SAID "UNEXPECTEDLY" CALLED HERE TO ACCOMPANY HIM. OUR BEST GUESS IS BANDA WANTED HIS UN REP TO BE FULLY ABREAST OF MALAWI-ZAMBIA RELATIONS AND AVAILABLE IN CASE UN QUESTIONS AROSE. REGARDING RAILROAD EXTENSION NO SUGGESTION THAT MBAYA PLAYED ANY SPECIAL ROLE, BUT HE DID EXPRESS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE ZAMBIA WILL BUILD ITS LEG TO CHIPATA AND COMPLETED LINE SHOULD BE IN OPERATION BY 1980. (ANOTHER NORMALLY RELIABLE SOURCE HAS INDICATED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT ZAMBIA WILL SEEK TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM CHICOMS).

2. RE RHODESIA SAID WOULD NOT RULE OUT MALAWI AS NEUTRAL SPOT FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ANC AND SMITH BUT OBVIOUSLY THINKS IT NOT PROBABLE CHOICE. STATED HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THIS POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED BY BANDA AND KAUNDA.

3. MBAYA DEPARTS FOR US ON TUESDAY JAN 21, LEAVING LONDON ON BA-501, ARRIVING JFK N.Y. 1335 JAN 22. REQUEST USUAL COURTESIES. HE SAID WANTED GET BACK TO NYC IN TIME TO HELP GOVERNOR TEMBO ON VARIOUS MATTERS AFTER LATTER HAS COMPLETED CONFIDENTIAL

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